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A. L. CASKEY IS CALLED HOME

END COMES WITHOUT WARNING

Heart Attack Follows Walk Down Town—Was Highly Respected Citizen

The many friends of Alexander L. Caskey were shocked beyond measure by the sudden summons which called him from this life about five o'clock Thursday evening. There had been no indication of a change from his usual health and he had been down town greeting friends within an hour.

Returning home, Mr. Caskey stopped in the yard where Mrs. Caskey was reclining in a chair; after reading her some news item he remarked that it was growing chilly and started for the house. As he was about to ascend the steps he fell to the ground, apparently as the result of an attack of heart weakness. Mrs. Caskey summoned their daughter, Mrs. Lord, but efforts to revive him were futile. They hastily summoned Greer Caskey from his home nearby, who brought medical aid. But examination seemed to indicate that the end had followed the fall within a few moments.

Mr. Caskey was nearly seventy-four years of age, and a native of Middletown, N. Y., where he spent his boyhood. In 1847 he removed to Minnesota. He enlisted on the first call to arms in 1861 and re-enlisted for the remainder of the four years of service. He served both on the frontier during the Indian outbreak and at the south. In 1891 he removed to Missouri where he resided until coming to Sierra Madre eight years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Caskey observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on the fourth of the present month. To them were born nine children, of whom eight are living. They are Irving Caskey and Mrs. Meyer, of Outlook, Washington; Mrs. Frank Bible, at present in Philadelphia; Greer Caskey, Mrs. Ralph Lord and Miss Elsie Caskey of Sierra Madre; Rev. Henry Caskey of Concord, Cal., and Herbert Caskey of Muskogee, Okla.

During his active years Mr. Caskey was engaged in farming. Everywhere he was known for his sterling honesty and kindly, sympathetic spirit. He was public spirited, and helpful to those in distress. Measured by these standards and by the character of the family which he and his devoted wife have reared his life may be said to be successful in a remarkable degree. Only the highest respect was felt for him by his acquaintances. Few lives deserve higher praise.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Congregational Church.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC

Postmaster Dickson and Express Agent Kelsey are proving themselves capable assistants to Santa Claus these days. At the post office Mr. Dickson has provided a special package window with Miss Marguerite Ward added to the regular force to assist with the extra work. Mr. Kelsey has been wishing for an annex to the Pacific Electric station to facilitate the storing of the great bulk of Christmas packages which are arriving daily. The outgoing business has been very heavy this season, both by mail and express, while the bulk of the incoming business has been such as to indicate that Santa Claus will have a busy time getting everything distributed the night before Christmas.

NEW STAMPS RECEIVED

Postmaster Dickson has received the first consignment of the new series of parcel post stamps, preparatory to the operation of the new law January 1. The stamps are similar in size and shape to the special delivery stamps. The entire series is printed in red, with the exception of the postage-due stamps, which are green. To take advantage of the parcels post rates it will be necessary to use these stamps. Ordinary stamps will not carry packages at parcels post rates, even though the amount affixed may be sufficient. The name and address of the sender of the package must be plainly written on the outside of the package.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

Sierra Madre Lodge No. 408, F. & A. M., will hold its annual installation of officers on Thursday evening, December 26, in the lodge hall. Past Master Lemuel L. Test will be the installing officer. Past Master Justus Kraft will be master of ceremonies. Following the lodge session a banquet will be held, with toast program. All members of the order residing in Sierra Madre are cordially invited to be present.

CHRISTMAS AT ASCENSION CHURCH

On Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, the birthday of the World's Redeemer, services appropriate to the great festival will be held at the Church of the Ascension, corner of Baldwin and Laurel avenues, as follows: 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion; 10 a. m., sermon and Holy Communion. The church will be decorated and there will be appropriate music. A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

COMMITTEES NAMED

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT WITH NEW YEAR

Committees for the Board of Trade for 1913 have been announced by President Tarr. Pursuant to the recent change in the by-laws the number of members on each standing committee is limited to three. It was thought that the large amount of work assigned to special committees from time to time made the change desirable, in addition to making the standing committees of a more wieldy size.

As provided in the by-laws, each director is made the chairman of one of the committees. The assignments are as follows:

Finance and Auditing—W. S. Andrews, chairman; C. H. Perry, A. T. Gay.

Transportation—N. W. Tarr, chairman; E. W. Camp, W. C. Davis.

Entertainment—C. S. Kersting, chairman; C. F. Gray, J. D. Mackerras.

Advertising—George B. Morgridge, chairman; W. S. Hull, A. S. Mead.

Streets and Roads—J. W. Keys, chairman; W. J. Lawless, C. W. Jones.

Laws and By-Laws—N. T. Brown, chairman; E. F. Ballou, J. A. Patterson.

Membership—F. H. Hartman, chairman; M. D. Welsher, F. D. R. Moore.

Messrs. E. F. Ballou as secretary and F. W. Nuetzel as treasurer complete the official roster.

The special committee having in charge the exhibit at the Sunset Magazine bureau in the P. E. Building Los Angeles, has been actively engaged in making preparations this week. It is hoped the Sierra Madre exhibit will be in place by Saturday night.

At a meeting of the Sierra Madre delegation to the Inter-City Commission held Monday evening it was voted to withdraw from that organization. The chief reason was the matter of expense, the dues having been increased materially about the time Sierra Madre's application for membership was received, making the cost more than had been expected and more than the local organization could see proportional benefit to be expected. The increase in dues was voted in spite of the fact that reports showed the commission had so far failed to collect more than a small percentage of dues at the old rates. The evident inclination on the part of some of the leaders to branch out into projects of no particular interest or advantage to Sierra Madre was the further reason for the decision to withdraw.

HAWKEYES TO DINE

Former Iowans Will Celebrate Admission with Feast

It is said the state of Iowa has contributed more residents to Southern California than has any other state. Hence an announcement of a gathering of Iowans is of interest to a large number of people.

The second annual Admission Day dinner, celebrating the sixty-sixth anniversary of the admission of the Hawkeye State into the Union, will be served at half-past six o'clock Saturday, December 28, at Hamburger's Cafe, 4th floor, Hamburger Store, Broadway and Eighth street.

You and your friends—ladies and gentlemen—are most cordially invited to attend and share in the pleasure of his observance.

As we are obliged to notify the caterer of the number of plates to provide, you will please indicate acceptance by December 26, with names of all who will be represented by your check—one dollar per plate.

Please pass this notice on to all your Iowa friends, as these are many the committee cannot reach personally. The impracticability of issuing personal notices to all will be apparent when we remind you that our list of former Iowa citizens now here numbers more than 60,000.

Make your check payable to Frank H. Nichols (cashier California Savings Bank), treasurer of the Iowa Association, and address him at Broadway and Fifth street, Los Angeles.

There will be a short program after dinner, followed by a delightful informal social hour.

The number who can be served is limited for want of space and it will be necessary to issue tickets to those who order first, so prompt reply is suggested. Go to the Eighth street entrance, where elevators will be in waiting. Doors open at six o'clock. Further information may be obtained from the committee.

From Germany comes this story about a novelist and an editor. The editor had ordered a story of a certain length, and the novelist had written several hundred words too many. In order to make the story fit the space at his disposal, the last few paragraphs were condensed into a single sentence. This is the way it read: "Von Berken took a small glass of whisky, his hat, his departure, no notice of his pursuers, a revolver out of his pocket, and finally, his life."—Ex.



A Very Merry Christmas To All

TALENT FOR CONCERT

FINE LIST OF TALENT ON PROGRAM FOR MONDAY'S MUSICAL COURSE NUMBER

Next Monday evening's program in the Los Angeles Musical College Extension course promises to be one of great interest. Owing to the diversity of musical offerings and the number of performers it has proved one of the strongest attractions in the course when given in other towns. The artists are reputed to be among the very best in Southern California in their respective lines, and are as follows: Mr. Will E. Bates, cornet; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. DeLano, guitar; Miss Kathryn Thompson, saxophone, and Mr. Harry Girard, piano. In addition Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeGrasse will give some dramatic selections. Attention is called to the fact that the program will begin promptly at eight-thirty, the advertised hour of opening.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES.

There will be no club meeting next Monday. All members are urged to attend the "Fifth Monday," December 30, which will be devoted to discussion of club business and local affairs, and reports of committee chairmen. This session will begin at 2:30 and new members are especially invited.

Next Monday evening the fourth concert in the Los Angeles Musical College series, said to be one of the best of this attractive course, will be given at the club house at 8:15. Single admissions 50 cents.

The next art lecture by Dr. Allitt will be on January 6.

The board of directors will entertain next Friday evening with a "Men's Christian Party," to which every club member is expected to bring one guest of the masculine persuasion. An enjoyable entertainment is promised.

The philanthropy committee will receive donations of provisions and food on Monday at the helping station. Both money and food are needed to relieve the necessities of the afflicted and unfortunate. The committee is called to meet at 1:30 on Monday.

The Children's Christmas Party, to include all little children living in Sierra Madre, will be given Saturday afternoon, December 28, at 2:30. Mrs. William Dennison is in charge of this event, and Mrs. J. A. Osgood, Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. Goodfellow and Mrs. Bravinder will assist in the entertainment. Refreshments will be in charge of Miss Powell, and invitations are obtainable from Mrs. Arthur Johnson, who requests that any little children who may be overlooked in sending out the invitations should consider themselves invited anyway.

Special notice is given that during December the famed picture film "Palatine" will be shown, the exact date to be announced on the blackboard at the club house and at the post office. During January the three-reel film "Lady of the Lake," for which many requests have been received, will be shown. Special music will be planned for each of these events.

An innovation, a picture play matinee, is announced for next Thursday afternoon, December 26, at 3 o'clock. There will be no picture plays Thursday evening.

Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, knows a Toledo banker who has already begun to retrench. His daughter said to him the other day: "Father, dear, I need a new fall riding habit." "Can't afford it," the banker growled. "But, father, what am I to do without a riding habit?" "Get the walking habit."—Ex.

WADA GETS A FINE

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM MARSHAL CUTS INTO HIS BANK ACCOUNT

S. Wada, the well known Japanese, was fined \$50 by Recorder Perry Wednesday afternoon when arraigned on a charge of resisting an officer. The trouble leading up to the fine began when Marshal Udell took Wada into custody for violating the ordinance requiring all vehicles to carry lights after dark. Wada first attempted to run away and then objected to being taken into the city hall and emphasized his objections with his fists and by lying down so that he had to be dragged inside. He refused to put up bail for appearance before the recorder, but on being conducted to the door of the steel cage he agreed to give a \$25 check for security. Wednesday afternoon he appeared in court with an interpreter, when he failed to deny the charge of attempting to fight it out with the marshal. Recorder Perry administered a severe lecture on the serious nature of his offense in the eyes of the law and emphasized his remarks with the fine, securing the assurance that the necessary lights would be provided to avoid a repetition of the difficulty which started the scrap.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CEMETERY

Extensive improvements are under way at the Sierra Madre Cemetery grounds. Along the entire front of the tract a stone retaining wall with cement cap is being built. This will permit the grading of a sidewalk to full width. The driveway entrances are being carried back far enough to obviate the steep climb which was necessary before. Along the east line of the tract at the foot of the slope a stone wall is being built to prevent the possibility of washing out by storm water. Water pipes will be laid to all parts of the grounds so that water will be available for the growing of lawns and flowers. The transformation which has taken place at the cemetery since the present company took over the grounds is a source of wonder to those who visit it for the first time for several years.

Caller (in New York apartment house)—Did Mr. and Mrs. Tremper ever live here? Bellboy—Does you, member, Sam? Other Bellboy—Yais. But they only had a back apartment. Us boys never reckernized 'em.—Puck.

A DAY WITH DAD

Father's had a busy day.
Hustled to the store at ten;
Listened to some stories gay
Told by other busy men.
Had to rattle for the smokes
With some members of the bunch.
Spent an hour relating jokes
And then hustled out to lunch.

Hustled back at half-past two
Twice as busy as before;
Then he had a lot to do
Telephoning for the score.
Placed a bet or two, of course,
Signed a voucher for his pay;
Came home blowing like a horse,
Father's had a busy day.
—Kansas City Journal.

Sierra Madre Directory

CITY OFFICIALS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—C. W. Jones, Chairman; C. E. Gray, N. W. Tarr, J. C. Pegler, L. E. Steinberger. Regular meetings in City Hall, second and fourth Thursdays evenings. City Clerk, C. H. Perry; Attorney, C. Montgomery; Treasurer, Max W. Wolff; Marshal, Tax Collector, and Street Superintendent, A. M. Udell; Engineer, W. P. Bixby.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Dr. R. H. Mackerras, Chairman; F. Biederman, Secretary; J. A. Osgood, A. N. Adams, J. A. Patterson.

BOARD OF TRADE

ORGANIZED to promote the civic and commercial development of Sierra Madre. Meets in City Hall on second Monday evening of each month at 8 p. m.

CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Central Ave., at Hermosa. Rev. W. H. Hannaford, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Episcopal)—Dr. George H. Cornell, Rector. Residence, The Rectory, Phone Black 30. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Holy Communion first Sunday in the month, 11 a. m.; on the greater festival and other days by appointment, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday evening service from October to July, 7:30 p. m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC—Chapel on Highland avenue, east of Baldwin. Rev. M. W. Barth in charge. Services at 9 a. m. Sunday.

HOME OF TRUTH—433 Auburn Ave. Sunday service, 3:30 p. m. Bible lesson, Wednesday, 3 p. m. Healing meeting, Friday, 8 p. m. All are welcome.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

SIERRA MADRE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY—Central avenue, W. of Lima. Open each weekday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30 and from 7 to 9 o'clock each evening. Mrs. F. E. Wheatley, Librarian. Municipal Library Board—George B. Morgridge, Chairman; H. J. Potter, Mrs. E. T. Pierce, W. S. Andrews, J. A. Osgood.

FRATERNAL

SIERRA MADRE LODGE, No. 408, F. & A. M.—Stated meeting first Tuesday in

each month. All visiting Masons welcome. Club House Hall. W. J. Lawless, W. M. J. D. Mackerras, Secretary.

SIERRA MADRE CHAPTER, O. E. S., No. 296, meets the first and third Mondays of each month in Woman's Club House Hall at 8 p. m. Visiting members welcome. Mrs. Frank Biederman, W. M. H. H. Steinberger, Secretary.

SIERRA MADRE POST OFFICE

Mail Arrives
From the East—9 a. m.; 10 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.; 6 p. m.
From the West—9 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.; 6 p. m.

Mail Departs
For the East—7:40 a. m.; 11:30 a. m.; 2:15 p. m.; 4:30 p. m.
For the West—7:40 a. m.; 11:30 a. m.; 4:30 p. m.

Post Office Hours
Delivery—7:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Lobby open till 3 p. m. Lobby open Sundays from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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Leave Los Angeles | Leave Sierra Madre
A. M. P. M. A. M. P. M.
5:55 12:35 4:10 12:10
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9:55 8:55 9:55 8:55
11:45 10:50
Daily except Sunday.

SANTA FE ROUTE

Trains at Santa Anita Station
Eastbound
8:09 a. m. Riverside and San Jacinto local.
9:14 a. m. Kite Shaped Track local.
10:39 a. m. California Limited, Chicago and East.
2:40 p. m. Phoenix Express.
5:07 p. m. San Bernardino local.
5:51 p. m. "Saint" for San Francisco.
8:41 p. m. Overland, Chicago and East.
Westbound
6:17 a. m. Eastern Tourist Express.
7:31 a. m. Overland Express.
8:03 a. m. "Angel" from San Francisco.
9:14 a. m. San Bernardino local.
12:12 p. m. San Bernardino local.
1:44 p. m. California Limited.
5:20 p. m. San Bernardino local.
8:18 p. m. San Bernardino local.

O. E. S. HOLD INSTALLATION

GRAND OFFICERS ARE PRESENT

Ceremonies Followed by Enjoyable Banquet Served in the Auditorium

Sierra Madre Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held its annual installation of officers in the Masonic hall Monday evening, followed by a banquet. Forty members of Southland Chapter of Pasadena came over in a special car for the occasion.

Three officers of the grand lodge of California were present, Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Chambers of Los Angeles, who are Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Chaplain respectively, and Mrs. Pearl Helmer, Grand Marshal. Dr. Chambers officiated as installing officer, with Mrs. Pearl Biederman as Grand Marshal. The official roster for the year is as follows:

Worthy Matron...Mrs. W. E. Walker
Worthy Patron...Mr. J. A. Patterson
Associate Matrons, Mrs. Alice M. Staples
Secretary...Mrs. Frank Biederman
Treasurer...Mrs. L. E. Steinberger
Conductress...Mrs. F. Merrill
Assoc. Conductress...Mrs. M. Stevens
Adah...Mrs. Sadie Pascoe
Ruth...Mrs. Howard Hill.
Esther...Mrs. W. T. Bush
Martha...Mrs. E. I. Merrill
Electa...Miss Bertha Benish
Chaplain...Mrs. Frank Biederman
Marshal...Miss Elizabeth Steinberger
Organist...Mrs. J. A. Patterson
Warder...Mrs. W. T. Bush
Sentinel...Mr. Harvey Steinberger

Following the impressive ceremonies of the ritual the chapter and guests descended to the club house auditorium where the banquet was served amid a scene of unusual beauty. The tables were arranged in the form of an immense star and the color scheme of decorations was red and green.

Worthy Patron Patterson presided and introduced the speakers on the informal toast program, including both visitors and members. On behalf of the chapter he presented to Mrs. Biederman, the retiring matron, a handsome emblem of the order mounted on a beautiful pearl set ring. Past Patron W. T. Bush presented to W. E. Walker, the retiring Worthy Patron, a handsome signet ring bearing a Masonic emblem. A handsome cut glass creamer and sugar bowl were presented to Mrs. Biederman by Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Biederman presented to the chapter the gavel which she had used and which had been presented to her, also the chapter charter handsomely framed.

The grand officers present expressed most hearty commendation of the chapter for the perfection of its ritual work and for its prosperous condition. They reported the standing of the chapter in the order to be the highest, and congratulated the officers and members most cordially for their interest and hard work.

MRS. FRENCH PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary French passed away last Saturday after an illness extending over about three years. She had been a resident of Sierra Madre about a year. Her ill health prevented the forming of many acquaintances but her husband, Melvin E. French, has been one of the popular conductors on the Sierra Madre line, and has the sincere sympathy of his many friends in his bereavement.

Mrs. French was born in Fillmore County, Minnesota, in 1885, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Odell who survive her. At an early age she removed with her parents to South Dakota where her girlhood was spent and where she was married to Mr. French. Mr. and Mrs. French removed to California in 1907. Two children remain to mourn with their father. During her last illness Mrs. French was a patient sufferer and her sweet spirit will be sadly missed. Funeral services were held on Monday in the Renaker & Gay parlors. Rev. W. H. Hannaford being in charge. The remains were laid to rest in the Sierra Madre cemetery.

SPRING COLONIST RATES.

The Southern Pacific and other railroads entering California, Arizona and Nevada have just announced one-way colonist rates to points in those states for the spring of 1913. The sale dates from the east will be March 15 to April 15, on the same basis as in effect last fall.

Ten-day stop-overs will be allowed in New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California not exceeding 30 days from the date of sale. From Omaha, Council Bluffs and Kansas City the rates will be \$30, from Chicago \$38 and from St. Louis and New Orleans \$37.

Nearly one million people have been brought to California by the Southern Pacific Company alone on these rates, and they have been pronounced, without doubt, the greatest factor in increasing California's population.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, rector. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. All are cordially invited.

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PERSONAL MENTION

N. W. Tarr spent last week attend-
ing to business matters in San Fran-
cisco.

Miss Alma Gilbert is spending the
holidays with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. A. Gilbert.

The Dickens Club were entertained
on Wednesday afternoon at the home
of Mrs. Frank Wright.

Don Baxter, Charles Schwartz and
Meredith Allen are enjoying a short
outing in the Tuhunga.

Arthur Bonner of Redlands is the
house guest this week at the home
of Col. and Mrs. A. S. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hallett Johnson and
two children have moved into their
new home on E. Highland avenue.

Mrs. E. W. Camp returned today
from San Francisco and Napa, where
she has been for the past ten days.

Miss Dorothy Mitchell is in Los An-
geles for a short time, staying with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell.

Mrs. Robert H. Mackerras and two
children were the guests for a few
days this week of Miss Susie O'Bryan.

Mr. Tobias Schlessinger leaves to-
day for San Francisco, where he will
spend a short time with his nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gresham en-
joyed a week-end stay in Long Beach,
where they were the guests of rela-
tives.

Mrs. Mary A. Lingo of Anaconda,
Mont., arrived on Tuesday for a visit
with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Mor-
gridge.

Miss Annis B. Coffey spent Sunday
in Los Angeles as the guest of her
brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs.
Titian Coffey.

Miss Harriman and the Misses Vera
and Dea Harriman have gone to Los
Angeles, where they will remain the
rest of the winter.

Mrs. S. C. Kendall and Norman Ken-
dall of Berkeley spent Thursday and
Friday at the home of Mrs. Kendall's
sister, Mrs. John Hart.

Mrs. A. F. Johnson and son Robert
left today for the east, where they
will remain a few weeks visiting rela-
tives in Chicago and Wisconsin.

Mr. Philip Blumer and two sons have
returned to Eagle Rock after having
been here a few weeks at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Blumer.

Captain and Mrs. William Wallace
expect to return to Sierra Madre and
occupy their Bonita avenue residence
after spending several months in Los
Angeles.

As house guests Mrs. George Let-
tau has her mother, Mrs. J. T. Mason
of Platte City, Mo., and her sister, Miss
Katherine Mason, who has just re-
turned from La Jolla, where she has
been attending school.

The Ancient Priscillas held their
regular meeting this week at the home
of Mrs. A. D. Hawks. A most en-
joyable afternoon was spent with
needle work and social chat, and dainty
refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker had as
their guests Monday night Dr. and
Mrs. W. K. Chambers of Los Angeles,
both of whom are grand officers of
the Eastern Star and took part in the
installation ceremonies of the local
chapter Monday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter J. Barlow have
returned from the east, where they
have been visiting in New York and
other cities. Dr. and Mrs. Barlow
have been away five weeks and will
spend a short time here in their coun-
try home on W. Highland avenue.

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. S. C.
Collins entertained with a "thimble
party," the guests all enjoying a pleas-
ant afternoon with social chat and
sewing. Dainty refreshments were
served and among those present were
Mesdames J. W. Keys, Alice Staples,
W. J. Lawless, B. Bravinder, W. B.
Crisp, Burton Andrews, Betts, M. D.
Welsher, W. E. Farman, G. H. Johnson,
W. E. Walker, M. D. Goodfellow and
W. H. Ingraham.

Mrs. Joseph Bergien entertained on
Thursday afternoon a few children with
a farewell and Christmas party for
her little nephew Robert, who leaves
this week for the east. The rooms
were decorated with Christmas de-
corations and each child was given a
pretty gift and a stocking filled with
candy. Those present were Emma,
Vera and Philip French, Dorothy Ber-
ryhill and Clayton French.

A very jolly party enjoyed tennis on
Wednesday and were later entertained
with supper at the home of Mrs. S. C.
Collins. An informal evening of games
was enjoyed and covers for supper
were laid for Mesdames Burton An-
drews, F. P. Conard, Frank Gresham,
Florence Vannier, Daisy Hawks and
Dorothy Humphries, and Messrs. Har-
old Davenes, Frank Gresham, Fred
Vannier, Paul Baugh, F. P. Conard and
Burton Andrews.

On last Friday evening the Junior
Audubon Society were entertained at
the home of Mrs. N. T. Brown. Mrs.
Brown was assisted by Miss Green
and a pleasant evening was spent, in-
teresting papers being read by Douglas
Sanders, Florence Whittier, Coralie
Brown, Margaret Bravinder and Eliza-
beth Krebs. Others present were Dor-
othy Mitchell, Helen Seeley, Gladys
Kimball, Bernadette Brown and Hal
Perry, Franklin Wright, Kenneth San-
ders and Cedric Tarr.

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We wish to thank our many friends
in Sierra Madre for their kindness and
sympathy extended during the sickness
and death of our beloved wife and
daughter.

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The following telephones have been
installed and numbers changed since
the last directory was issued. Cut out
this list and paste it in your directory
for convenient reference:

Red 90—Bury, Mrs. Anna, Highland
and Auburn.

Red 71—Barber, George D., West High-
land.

Green 115—Blacheley, S. L., Suffolk
avenue.

Green 90—Farnham, L. M., Baldwin
and Highland.

Blue 27—Farris, Scott B., W. Ramona.
Green 15—Fennel, Henry T., Baldwin
and Laurel.

Green 74—Gilbert, J. A., San Gabriel
Court.

Black 56—Gunning, Louise, N. Adams
street.

Blue 91—Goodloe, Jerman B., 634 W.
Highland.

Blue 8—Hotel Shirley, Baldwin avenue.
Green 29—Henderson, Thos., E. Laurel.

Red 104—Imman-Kane, Mrs. E. W.
Highland.

Blue 82—Jones, F. H., W. Live Oak.
Main 119—McLaughrey, Mrs. Anita,

Baldwin and White Oak.
Red 72—Robinson, Mrs. S. W., N. Au-
burn.

Main 117—Southern Counties Gas Co.,
Bank Bldg.

Black 56—Scott, Lester F., N. Adams.
Black 26—Singleton, Mrs. Eva W., N.
Lima.

Blue 22—Seeger & Co., E. Central.
Blacksmiths.

Gr. Ex. 1—Traub, Carl, El Reposo.
Black 68—Watkins, Mrs. Clara, Auburn
House.

Blue 114—Whittier, C. B., 179 Monte-
cito.

Red 61—Welsh, Mrs. Mary, Graduate
Nurse, Grove street.

Changes in Number
Red 58—Johnson, G. Hallett. Formerly
Red 87.

Red 74—Kelsey, C. R. Formerly Black
115.

Blue 79—Symonds, Allan L. Formerly
Red 70.

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
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| 2 lbs. Fancy Cluster Table Raisins | .25 |
| 3 pkgs. Fancy Seeded Raisins | .25 |
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| 1 pkg. Currants | .10 |
| 2 lbs. Walnuts, No. 1 bleached | .35 |
| 1 lb. Almonds, fancy | .20 |
| 2 lbs. New Brazil Nuts | .35 |
| 6 lbs. Jonathan Apples | .25 |
| 6 lbs. Belle Fleur Apples, 4 tier | .25 |
| 1 lb. Fancy Imported Figs, very large | .20 |
| 1 lb. Cala Arab Candy Figs | .20 |
| 3 lbs. New Prunes | .25 |
| 2 cans Asparagus | .25 |
| 1 can Shrimps | .10 |
| 2 lbs. Mixed Candy | .25 |
| 1 lb. Chocolate Creams | .20 |
| 1 lb. Mixed Creams | .20 |
| 1 lb. Gum Drops | .20 |

Meat Specials for Sat., Dec. 21st

| | |
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NOTICE.

At a regular meeting of the Board
of Health of Sierra Madre on Novem-
ber 13, 1912, it was unanimously
adopted that all complaints appertain-
ing to the health and sanitary condi-
tions of the city must be made in writ-
ing and signed by the person or per-
sons who make the complaint, and be
presented to the secretary of the Board
of Health.

Sierra Madre Board of Health.
F. Biederman, Secretary.

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Any pretty trifle made to contain pins makes an acceptable gift for Christmas. A traveling convenience that is as useful at home as abroad is made after the manner of the old time needlebook that rolled up. The foundation of it is a strip of ribbon or silk—morooco and chamois can also be used, likewise canvas—about six inches wide and twenty inches long. Lay this flat on the cutting board and cover it with two thicknesses of cotton batting. Put a layer of coarse white flannel next to this and then one of coarse holed white net. Bind the edges neatly together with a satin ribbon matching the outside of the convenience, and then turn up four or five inches of the bottom of the strip and tack the ends to form a pocket. About five inches from the top put a plump pincushion with corners reaching to the strip edges. Have this an inch and a half deep and stick it full of varicolored pins—blue, green, red, pink, white and the ordinary sorts. They will look best if stuck in in some ornamental manner. In the space above the cushion put black and white safety pins in several sizes.

A Neckwear Gift.

If you are in a hurry to get together a very presentable last minute gift take a look into your lacebox and rescue a few bits of lace and net, then



NET JABOT.

set to work on a stock collar and jabot like the one seen in the illustration. A wide piece of fillet lace forms the high collar, which is edged at the top with folds of malines and black velvet.

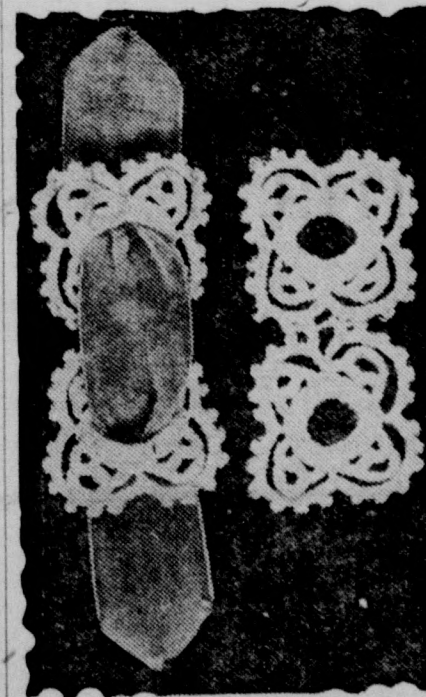
The "fall" is of gathered malines in two layers, each one trimmed with insertion matching that used for the collar. A pump bow of black velvet finishes the pretty gift.

An Easy to Make Jacket.

A combing jacket is something any woman would appreciate, especially if it is as pretty as some of those the shops are showing. The dainty things in the big stores are all but absolutely shapeless, two perfectly straight breadths being used to form a sort of jaunty kimono sack, with pointed back and front. Two lengths have the ends cut bias, this shaping making the front and rear points, and the sleeves are made by catching the breadth edge to edge under the arm. White flannel combing jackets are pretty with blue or pink satin ribbon bindings.

Make a Crochet Buckle.

The girl who crochets can turn out in a few hours several of the crocheted buckles like the dainty one pictured.



CROCHET BUCKLE

Mercerized white cotton of a rather coarse number is used. Velvet ribbon is looped through the buckle with charming effect.

THE INTERNATIONAL "BEN HUR"

Spectacular magnificence, dramatic splendor and religious ecstasy are the most notable concomitants of Klaw & Erlanger's international production of "Ben Hur," which will be the offering at the Mason Opera House the week of December 23 to 28. During the thirteen years which have passed since the original presentation of this noble drama its owners have not only kept it up to its original grandeur, but have elaborated and developed the possibilities of the production each season until today it stands unrivaled in beauty and splendor of establishment, unsurpassed in dramatic significance and power. It was the "last word" of the stagecraft of the nineteenth century, and into the new age it brought a business and perfection which will remain the standard for decades to come.

Dealing with the earth life of Jesus, the most important period in history, "Ben Hur" shows the world at its most wonderful point in magnificence and wealth, for Rome ruled the world and Caesar Augustus was Emperor of the mightiest realm the earth had known. The reverence with which the immensity of Christ is indicated has made "Ben Hur" a religious pageant, while the sweep of the story of Ben Hur and Messala, Esther and Iras, carries audiences off their feet, the culmination of the dramatic plot being the chariot race, where in Ben Hur conquers and degrades his enemy. Nothing more realistic than this scene in the arena of the Circus of Antioch with Ben Hur and Messala contesting for supremacy has ever been imagined by a dramatist or executed by a producer.

"Ben Hur" matinees are announced for Christmas Day and Saturday. The prices for all the performances of 50c to \$2.00. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

Bilson, who is a stout man, was running to catch a train the other day, when his friend Jones called out: "Halloa, Bilson! In a hurry? Going somewhere?" Keeping his breath for other purposes, Bilson made no reply, but he determined to take a terrible revenge. About one o'clock next morning he called Jones up on the telephone. After a deal of ringing, a sleepy voice at the other end of the wire told him Jones was there. "That you Jones?" queried Bilson. "Who do you want?" asked Jones. "I've been in bed two hours," Bilson, "went on the other. Remember seeing me running this morning, eh? Yes? Well, I was going somewhere, and I was in a hurry. Good-night." Then Bilson hung up the receiver and got back into bed a happy man.—Ex.

THE SUCCESSFUL ATHLETE DOESN'T DRINK

Kansas City Star: To the evidence that drinking is going out, two such eminent experts as Mr. De Wolf Hopper and Mr. Charles Murphy add their testimony, the one basing his observation on the Lambs' Club, the other on the braves of Tammany Hall.

Now if you will stop to think a minute you will recall that the actors and the Tammany braves are pretty good sports. They are constant patrons of baseball, and they turn up regularly at the big football games. The heady, nervy athlete is the object of their admiration. But that is the chap who cuts out cigarettes and booze.

A man can't be on edge physically, he can't be a snappy, dashing, wonderful player unless he takes care of himself.

It is a great athlete who is setting the pace nowadays for a lot of men. He is the sort of fellow they would like to be. In a way he becomes their pattern. There are any number of citizens in this country who have come to realize that the successful player couldn't stay at the top without letting whisky alone, and that they can't keep up with the procession themselves unless they go into training.

That is one reason why our leading public men, our best actors, our successful business managers, don't have to be pulled out of the gutter, brushed off and brought to with ice packs before they are fit to work as used to be the case a generation or two ago.

Postcards at the News Printery

RANK SOCIALISM

Pasadena Star—"Here's an incident that happened in the shop where I was working in Pasadena," said a certain city official recently. "It will be interesting if you can tell it in such a way as to make the moral apparent. It happened about this way: Several of us were working together at the same bench when for some reason or other there came a temporary lull in our talk. Everything was quiet for a few minutes. Then one of the men—a Socialist, by the way—began to recite in a low voice a section from the Declaration of Independence, something like this: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government, laying its foundations—' 'Aw, cut out that Socialist stuff,' interrupted one of the men at the other end of the bench, indignantly."

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Every Red Cross Christmas Seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis. These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life. They provided for many visiting nurses, whose hundreds of thousands visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients. They helped maintain dispensaries in scores of cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment, aid and advice. They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public

has been educated about tuberculosis. They have established and helped to maintain more than 75 open-air schools for children who needed open-air treatment. These are just a few of the ways in which the \$330,000 received last year was expended. This year a million dollars is needed. Surely any one can help by buying at least ten seals.

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¶ Wishing you a Happy New Year.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION'S WORK

The Railroad Commission of California has filed its report with Governor Johnson for the period from January 1, 1911, to June 30, 1912. It contains in 638 pages a review of the most important features of the commission's work. In the opening statement, signed by the five members of the commission, John M. Eshleman, president; H. D. Loveland, Alex. Gordon, Max Thelen and Edwin O. Edgerton, appears a brief summary, as follows:

The commission is in daily session, and with a membership of five, as the law now stands, the commission is enabled to conduct five hearings at once. This practice has been pursued where possible, but in many of the cases involving special or intricate issues the commission sits in groups or en banc. In this way it has been possible to prevent the congestion of the calendar and to expedite hearings to an unusual degree. The extent of the commission's work may be readily appreciated from the fact that in the thirty-two years previous to January 1, 1911, comparatively few complaints were disposed of, while in the eighteen months covered by this report the commission has handled 140 complaints, 126 formal applications, 451 informal complaints, 184 reparation cases, 333 long and short haul applications, or a total of 1264 cases of one sort or another. It is obvious that the investigation hearings and preparation of decisions in these cases have taxed to the utmost the time and resources of the commission and its forces.

The more important features of the commission's work, from January 1, 1911, to June 30, 1912, are then reviewed. It will suffice here to summarize the more significant portions of this work. This includes:

(1) The partial readjustment of railroad rates to accord with the long and short haul provision of the State Constitution.

(2) An investigation into the express rates in California, embracing the examination of 46,000 reports.

(3) The reduction of class and commodity freight rates on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway and the Southern Pacific into and out of the San Joaquin Valley, embracing the compilation by the commission of 600,000 new rates.

(4) The reduction of freight rates on the Southern Pacific San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad, between Los Angeles and the harbor of San Pedro.

(5) The reduction of freight rates on the Southern Pacific between Los Angeles and points in the Imperial Valley.

(6) The reduction of freight rates on the Sunset Railroad and the Southern Pacific between Bakersfield and the West Side Oil Field in Kern County.

(7) The reduction in the Pullman seat fare between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

(8) The establishment of the principle that no discrimination should exist against free interchange of traffic as between steam and electric lines, entailing through traffic and joint rates.

(9) Reduction of the demurrage rate from \$6.00 to \$3.00 per day.

(10) Restoration of lower telephone rates in 102 towns where increases had been made.

(11) Reduction in the minimum charge for telephone service between San Francisco and Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, from 15 cents to 10 cents per message.

(12) Investigation of practices of telephone companies as to separation of toll and exchange revenues and as to relation between telephones and affiliated corporations.

(13) Restoration of lower electric rates in sections where advances had been made.

(14) Investigation of accidents resulting in injuries or death.

(15) Work upon the physical valuation of railroads of the State.

(16) Regulation of grade crossings so as to provide safety devices.

(17) Inquiry into service and rates between San Francisco and peninsular cities as far as San Jose.

(18) Authorization of stock and bond issues from March 23, 1912, to September 23, 1912, to the amount of approximately \$20,000,000.

(19) Ruling calling for cancellation of stock of par value in excess of \$2,000,000, issued for inadequate return.

(20) Authorization to Great Western Power Company to operate in the field occupied by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, announcing a policy under the section of the Public Utilities Act providing for the certificate of public convenience and necessity that no utility could successfully lay claim to exclusive rights to a given territory unless it had completely served that territory and had provided adequate service at reasonable rates.

(21) Reduction of many thousand passenger, freight and express rates upon informal complaints throughout the state.

(22) Improvement in train service.

(23) Reduction in the rate on raisins and dried fruits, from San Joaquin Valley points and from Sonoma and Mendocino counties.

(24) Reduction in the passenger rates on the Coast Division of the Southern Pacific, from San Jose to Santa Cruz.

(25) Establishment of a rule giving children the benefit of half fare on street railways, previously extended only to school children.

(26) Orders requiring carriers, at the direction of the Commission, to erect new depots at Berkeley, Glen Frager, Hilton, Bowles, and other points.

(27) Assumption by the Commission of jurisdiction over securities of an electric power corporation to the amount of \$6,000,000, which had been issued to a construction company.

(28) Introduction of a uniform system of accounting for public utilities.

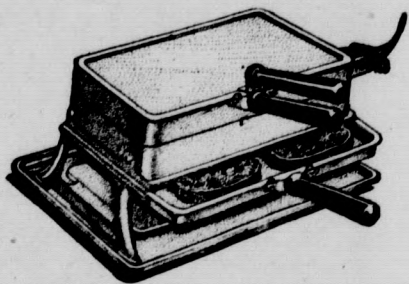
(29) Examination of accounts of utilities during the expenditure of the proceeds of money derived from the sale of securities authorized by the Commission.

When this commission took office it is a matter of common knowledge that very little utility regulation had prevailed throughout the State of California, and it was urged that under the conditions of the acts of the legislature and the Constitution that very little could be accomplished. We, however, took the view that ample authority was conferred upon the Commission at that time to do many things of value to the State, and in addition, we have actively worked with the legislature and its committees with a view to better legislation and changes in the Constitution which would bring about effective regulation of all utilities; and we believe that with some minor imperfections the Public Utilities Act as it stands in California today is the furthest advanced in utility regulation in existence.

In our regulation of the securities of utilities we have often had it urged upon us that stringent regulation would frighten capital from the State. Notwithstanding such suggestions, we have deemed it proper always to have in view the public welfare, and while our regulation may have deterred capital from coming into the State in a few instances, it has only done so in those instances where the conditions upon which the investment was to be made were unfair to the rate-paying public. We have chosen to believe that the better policy is to foster investment, but only upon such terms as will ultimately bring about the giving of adequate service at reasonable rates by a utility not overburdened in capitalization or bonded indebtedness. In line with this policy the commission has, in numerous instances, required the reformation of plans of public utilities so that they might proceed upon a sound financial basis.

An Electrical Christmas will warm the heart of every member of the family

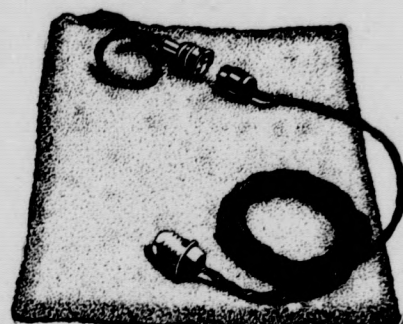
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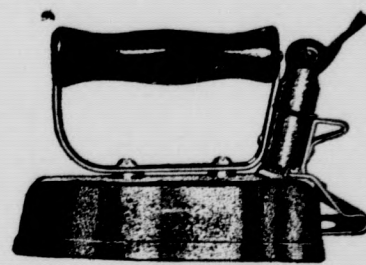
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BY THE WAY

Voters of Los Angeles having adopted a new charter by a fairly satisfactory majority, it would seem the part of good sense and fair play to give it an unhampered tryout. Instead a bunch of reactionaries and disappointed office seekers propose to prevent its ratification by the legislature. That fact would not of itself be significant, but their clamor is being augmented by the voices of some other people who ought to know better than to follow such leadership.

Beginning now to plan for future campaigns, the national Progressive organization is undertaking educational enterprises of national scope and importance. It may seem like counting unhatched chicks to be studying how to conduct the government before the offices are won. Certainly it is a strange departure from old political methods and your old-time politician is apt to emit a merry ha-ha at the idea. But the plan is based on the right idea and will bear good fruit. One of the first steps in the plan will be to send to Europe a committee of seven, who will study governmental problems. Reports indicate that Meyer Lissner will be named as one of the number. It is to be hoped the reports are true, though not to please the reactionary crowd, who would gladly see him out of the country to stay. There are few keener students of the science of government, a fact which his political opponents are prone to overlook. In trying to account for his success as a political general they fail to see that in addition to a genius for political organization he possesses a thorough knowledge of political and sociological principles and of the practical workings of experiments in all parts of the world. Some of the so-called "new" progressive policies have long been old in foreign countries. Naturally the best place to study governmental experiments is where they are being tried out and Mr. Lissner is well qualified to get the essential facts in such situation.

Newspaper space writers are now proving that feminine headgear indicates the kind of a woman who wears it. Wouldn't you hate to believe that of some of your friends?

Great weather for tourists, even though the rainfall record does not offer much consolation to irrigators. Your average tourist thinks he pays for this very brand of weather when he buys his ticket for Sunny California.

Paraphrasing an old adage, we are told "a fair exchange is no gift." True enough—it may be two, though not necessarily so.

DUE HONOR TO GEORGIA

Last Friday we reprinted a few literary gems from the Cleveland, Ga., Courier, including the following comment on the result of the election:

Notwithstanding the bitter fight the country is all the better by it, and when once the smoke has cleared away, and the din of the battle ceased, and the clash of tongues which filled the air with coarse denunciations has faded to insignificance, then the beautiful calm, that invariably follows the storm, will spread its soft and peaceful wings of love over the land, and the great wheels of commerce will continue to pursue their onward course, and the country will bathe in the magnificent lake of peace and prosperity.

Editor Clover of the Pasadena News was so enraptured by this "gem of purest ray serene" that he broke into verse to express his admiration, as follows:

Ho! ye that thirsteth for a verbal treat
Let the above your avid peepers greet;
Milton, Macaulay, Dr. Johnson, Swift
Into the discard evermore must drift.
They had their day, these giants of the past,
But now a greater bids them stand
aghast:

Dan Chaucer, well of English undefiled,
Before such prowess is a piling child,
And Shakespeare, for a space, the palm
must yield

To one who fills a more mellifluous field.
Bacon, Ben Jonson, Addison and Steele—
How would this modern cause their brains
to reel!

Mere tyros they whose 'prentice hands
ne'er wrote

One paragraph compared to that we quote.
Stern had his triumphs, petty now they seem,

And Sydney Smith's bon mots shed not a gleam.
Pall, pall, in fact, the standards once revered,
A mightier altar hath this Georgian reared.
Even the poets of an age remote,
On whose lambics we were wont to dote,
Now dully pace their clodhopperian way,
Or in the limbo of oblivion stay.
Plantus and Terence, Juvenal and Pliny
Tame now appear and intellectually tiny:
In short, the fancy roves afar in vain
To find fit rival of our Southern swain,
All, all must hear the verdict of their doom
And hide themselves to give this Georgian room.

PARTIES AND THE STATE.

The California Outlook has launched a discussion which is now being participated in by members-elect of the legislature and by public officials and politicians throughout the state. This has to do with the manner in which caucuses shall be held in the next legislature, if they are held at all.

The Outlook believes that the time has come when the strict party lines heretofore observed in legislative sessions should be wiped out. It urges that the duty of the legislators is simply to take care of the interests of the people of the state, without attempting to use their offices and their votes for the purpose of building up political parties. It points out that in nearly all cities in California non-partisanship is now the order in municipal administration. The results secured have been very satisfactory. There is a reason, it argues, why members of the legislature should haggle about party matters and waste their time in doing useless petty politics when the interests of the state are so large as to demand all the time, attention and wisdom that can be applied to them by the members of the law-making body.

The principle laid down is that if there are to be caucuses for the purpose of organizing the senate and assembly, there should be only one line of division, and that a line separating members who are in favor of enacting progressive legislation from those who will oppose everything of a progressive nature.

The membership of the assembly is eighty and of the senate forty. In the coming assembly there will be forty-five members elected as Progressive Republicans, twenty-five elected as Democrats, nine who are known as Taft Republicans and one Socialist. In the upper house there are twenty-seven Progressive Republicans, six Democrats and three Taft Republicans. It will thus be seen that the Progressives have a majority in each house.

Under the old system which obtained when the Herrin regime was in control the majority always caucused, took all the patronage and denied patronage privileges to members of the minority. The majority caucus also controlled the course of legislation on all important subjects. This year a situation is presented which bids fair, if the right policy is adopted, to wipe out mere partisan lines and allegiances and to secure the co-operation of all progressives of all parties.

The method by which this could be brought about would be a caucus—if any caucus is held—of all Progressive members of the legislature without respect to their general party allegiances. That is, the Progressive Republicans, the Progressive Democrats and those members who are known as Progressives only. This would mean a caucus of legislators favorable to progressive legislation. All who remain out of the caucus would naturally align themselves as opponents of the progressive program. There would seem to be no reason why progressive legislators could not work in harmony and for the common purpose of advancing the state's interests, leaving party designations and differences to political campaigns. It is also being urged by the California Outlook that the old line of patronage division be done away with and that each member of the legislature, no matter what his political affiliations, be given the same treatment as his fellows. The members of the legislature were elected by the people to do the people's business, and it is obvious that they ought to have every facility for performing their duties.

At a trial in court when the witness on the stand was being subjected to a merciless cross-examination, in answering one question the witness nodded. Whereupon the court stenographer, who was crowding the limit to get it all and could not see the witness, at once demanded: "Answer that question." To which the witness replied: "I did answer it; I nodded my head." The stenographer, without a moment's hesitation, came right back with, "Well, I heard it rattle, but could not tell whether it was up and down or from side to side."—Ex.

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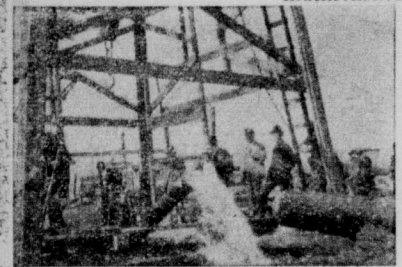
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F. W. NUETZEL, Cashier.
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